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1. SUMMARY: DURING FEBRUARY 12-13 FRANCO-GERMAN
SUMMIT, FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES AND FRG FONMIN
GENSCHER DISCUSSED ANGOLA, FRENCH/GDR CONSULAR
NEGOTIATIONS, EC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, TERRORISM AND
SEVERAL OTHER SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY

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2. RELIABLE SOURCE WHO WAS PRESENT AT SAUVAGNARGUES/
GENSCHER MEETINGS DURING FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT NEAR NICE

LAST WEEK HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING RUNDOWN OF SUBSTANCE ADDRESSED BY FONMINS. HE WAS NOT ABLE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING GISCARD/SCHMIDT MEETINGS -- WHICH HE DID NOT ATTEND.

3. ANGOLA: SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD GENSCHER THAT GISCARD HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AND THAT GISCARD HAS SENT LETTERS TO PRESIDENT FORD AND TO SCHMIDT (IN BONN) ANNOUNCING THIS DECISION. GENSCHER REACTED NEGATIVELY TO IDEA, TELLING SAUVAGNARGUES THAT ANY RECOGNITION OF MPLA BY FRANCE SHOULD BE BASED ON EC-NINE DECISION TO ACT JOINTLY. MOREOVER, GENSCHER SAID HE THOUGHT RECOGNITION SHOULD BE POSTPONED FOR SOME TIME IN LIGHT OF CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN ANGOLA AND IN LIGHT OF PERSONAL PLEDGES THAT GENSCHER HAD GIVEN TO MODERATE AFRICANS DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO AFRICA TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRECIPITATE RECOGNITION OF MPLA BY EUROPEANS. GENSCHER ALSO THOUGHT THAT THERE SHOULD BE PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE BEFORE AN EC-NINE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE AND THERE SHOULD BE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AS WELL, SINCE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA WAS USED AS PRETEXT TO JUSTIFY CUBAN INTERVENTION. UPSHOT OF GENSCHER'S STRONG REACTION WAS THAT FRENCH

ASKED LUXEMBOURGERS FEBRUARY 13 OR 14 TO CONVENE EC-NINE AMBASSADORS IN LUXEMBOURG TO EXAMINE SUBJECT OF MPLA RECOGNITION AS MATTER OF URGENCY. SUBSEQUENTLY,

FRENCH DID RECOGNIZE MPLA. OUR SOURCE CREDITS GENSCHER WITH ROLE IN DELAYING THAT RECOGNITION.

4. FRENCH/GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS: GENSCHER TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES THAT FRG OPPOSES LANGUAGE IN FRENCH/GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION THAT WOULD LINK GDR NATIONALITY TO GDR PASSPORT AS MECHANISM FOR DETERMINING WHO SHOULD BE ACCORDED GDR CONSULAR PROTECTION. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, SAUVAGNARGUES ACCEPTED GENSCHER'S ARGUMENT AND AGREED WITH GENSCHER THAT GDR PROTECTION SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL
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ACCORDED ONLY TO THOSE GERMANS WHO SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT IT, LEAVING OPEN OPTION FOR DISAFFECTED GDR NATIONALS TO SEEK CONSULAR PROTECTION FROM FRG -- RATHER THAN GDR -- OFFICIALS ON FRENCH TERRITORY. AS RESULT, WEST GERMANS ARE NOW "RELAXED" OVER EARLIER POSSIBILITY THAT FRENCH MIGHT STRIKE BARGAIN WITH GDR ON "NATIONALITY" THAT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO BONN. SOURCE ALSO TOLD US THAT AT MOST RECENT FRENCH-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS NEITHER GDR NOR FRENCH SURFACED IDEA OF PASSPORT AS DETERMINING FACTOR IN DEFINING GDR NATIONALITY FOR

CONSULAR PURPOSES. WEST GERMANS NOW BELIEVE THAT FRENCH AGREE THAT "SUBJECTIVE" ASPECTS (I.E., STATED PREFERENCE OF GDR NATIONALS CONCERNING WHO THEY WISH TO PROVIDE THEIR CONSULAR SERVICES) MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN HANDLING PROBLEM OF DEFINING GDR NATIONALITY FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULAR CONVENTION.

5. LEBANON: SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD GENSCHER THAT GISCARD IS "CONSIDERING" IDEA OF PROPOSING THAT FRANCE -- AND

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PERHAPS THE EC -- TAKE LEAD IN PROGRAM OF

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR LEBANON. FIRST STEP WOULD BE EXPLORING IDEA WITH LEBANESE AND WITH SYRIANS. GENSCHER REPORTEDLY MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS FRENCH IDEA.

6. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: SAUVAGNARGUES PUSHED IDEA THAT EC SHOULD MAKE FORMAL DECLARATION CONCERNING "POLITICAL DIMENSION" IN COURSE OF NEXT SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BETWEEN EC-NINE AND ARABS. GENSCHER OPPOSED THIS IDEA, POINTING OUT THAT EARLIER EC-NINE STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT REMAINED VALID AND SHOULD SIMPLY BE REFERRED TO AS CONTINUING EC POLICY ON THIS PARTICULAR
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ASPECT OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. FRENCH ALSO APPARENTLY PUSHED IDEA THAT ARAB DISSATISFACTION WITH LACK OF "POLITICAL CONTENT" TO EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE COULD BE OFFSET -- AT LEAST IN PART -- BY BEEFING UP ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF DIALOGUE.

7. EC INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS: SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER DID NOT DISCUSS ANY OF THE TOPICAL ISSUES CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE (TINDEMANS REPORT, EC DIRECTORATE IDEA, EC PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS). THESE SUBJECTS WERE SAVED FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN GISCARD AND SCHMIDT.

8. SPAIN/EC RELATIONS: SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER AGREED THAT SPAIN PLACES HIGHER PRIORITY ON EC MEMBERSHIP THAN NATO MEMBERSHIP. GENSCHER TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES THAT HE BELIEVES SPANISH MOVES TOWARD DEMOCRACY ARE GENUINE AND THAT SPAIN SHOULD BE GIVEN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP. BOTH AGREED THAT FULL MEMBERSHIP WAS PREFERABLE TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP BY STAGES FOR SPAIN.

9. EC ENLARGEMENT: AS BYPRODUCT OF THEIR DISCUSSION OF SPANISH/EC RELATIONSHIP, GENSCHER LAUNCHED IDEA THAT EC-NINE SHOULD REFLECT ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT WOULD CONFRONT THEM AS DIRECT RESULT OF EC ENLARGEMENT TO INCLUDE (FOR EXAMPLE) SPAIN, GREECE, AND PORTUGAL. GENSCHER APPARENTLY HAD IN MIND AN INFORMAL, UNSTRUCTURED MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS, ALONG LINES OF EARLIER GYMnich MEETING. SAUVAGNARGUES APPEARED TO BE ATTRACTED TO IDEA.

10. MONNET: GISCARD AND SCHMIDT SENT LETTER TO LUXEMBOURG PM THORN (EC PRESIDENCY) ASKING THAT HE PASS ON THEIR SUGGESTION TO OTHER SIX MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL THAT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING (IN APRIL) EXAMINE IDEA OF AWARDED "EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP" TO JEAN MONNET. THIS IDEA IS ATTRACTIVE TO GISCARD AND SCHMIDT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF MONNET'S VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSTRUCTION

OF EUROPE BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE -- PARTICULARLY
IN THE 50'S -- IN PROMOTING NORMALIZATION OF FRANCO/
GERMAN RELATIONS. (OUR SOURCE ASKED THAT THIS PARTICU-
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PUBLIC BY EC AUTHORITY.)

11. MISCELLANEOUS: FONMINS ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION
IN DJIBOUTI (NOTHING NEW) AND IN MAYOTTE (ALSO NOTHING
NEW). OUR SOURCE TELLS US THAT NO REPEAT NO SECURITY
ISSUES (E.G., MBFR, FRENCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, FRENCH
STRATEGY, IEPG) WERE DISCUSSED BY SAUVAGNARGUES AND
GENSCHER. INDEED, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE SECURITY
ISSUES TEND TO BE RESERVED FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND GISCARD IF THEY ARE DISCUSSED AT
ALL.

12. TERRORISM: IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FRENCH AND
GERMAN MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AGREED TO CLOSER COORDINA-
TION WITH REGARD TO COUNTERING TERRORISM. AMONG OTHER
THINGS, THIS REFLECTS GENSCHER'S STRONG PERSONAL FEEL-
ING -- WHICH CARRIES OVER FROM HIS DAYS AS GERMAN
INTERIOR MINISTER -- THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREATER INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM. ACCORDING TO
OUR SOURCE, GENSCHER HAS BEEN CONSTANT AND STRONG
PROPONENT OF GREATER BILATERAL AND EC-NINE COOPERATION
ON THIS SUBJECT.
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